

SPECIFICATION AMENDMENTS

IN THE SPECIFICATION

On page 1, after the title, "PROCESS FOR THE PHYSICAL DEPOLYMERIZATION OF GLYCOSAMINOGLYCANES AND PRODUCTS OBTAINED THEREFROM", please insert the following paragraph:

--This application is a United States national filing under 35 U.S.C. §371 of international (PCT) application No. PCT/EP04/050723, filed May 6, 2004, designating the US and claiming priority to European Application No. 03076388.0, filed May 9, 2003.--